



Centro Kibrihacha celebrates 20 years with a gala luncheon compliments of the Wyndham Aruba Resort, Spa and Casino

In celebration of twenty years of providing a stimulating and social environment for Aruba's elderly, the Centro Kibrihacha, along with hundreds of their members were treated to a lovely luncheon by the Wyndham Aruba Resort Spa and Casino on Friday afternoon. The band of Patan played their favorite music, and the dance floor of the Palm Beach ballroom was filled while others enjoyed a delicious continental breakfast and lunch provided by the resort's culinary team.

Diane Uchtmann, Director of Kibrihacha also had the pleasant task of honoring many of the long term clients, workers and volunteers to the center that assists the island's retirees in retaining their mental acuity and social contacts with daily activities and special events. One member of the staff that received special recognition was Femmie Fingal, who has served the Centro Kibrihacha selflessly for nineteen years. Also receiving a pat on the back was her husband Romo, who has volunteered his time for ten years, providing lively entertainment for everyone as Master of Ceremonies at all of the center's special events. The couple received a weekend stay at The Mill Resort for their devotion to the elderly, and Femmie revealed, just in time for their thirty-seventh wedding anniversary.

Centro Kibrihacha, located in Piedra Plat now has 257 active members enjoying arts and crafts, domino tournaments, cooking classes, Ti-Chi, Bingo, and many other activities aside from special events for all the major Aruban holidays, in an atmosphere that is not so physically taxing for them as the public celebrations. The center elects a Mother and Father of the year on their special days, and it counts on mainly the Rotary Club of Aruba, aside from other service organizations to maintain the facility. On Friday afternoon, Lufrido Croes, President of the Board of Kibrihacha, and representing The Rotary, joined them for the luncheon to present a Five Year Award to Diane Uchtmann for her outstanding service and devotion to the center and its members.

This is the third year in a row that the Wyndham Resort, Spa and Casino has hosted the anniversary of the founding of the center on September 9, 1985. Pat Donavan, Sales and Marketing manager of the Wyndham joined the festivities for a few moments and expressed what great pleasure the hotel management takes in sponsoring this event, and looks forward to giving their continues support to this organization and their important contribution to the community.

Congratulations to the Centro Kibrihacha on twenty years of community service to the island's elderly, one could see by the many happy faces at the luncheon their pleasure and gratitude for the attention and the acknowledgement that they are appreciated and cared for.